ACCEPTS PORTFOLIO

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TAFT AT AUGUSTA.

ur. Taft Will Consult the Senator as to day he received a telegram from the Quotes President-Elect Taft in Argument Other Cabinet Appointments-Talked With Root Before Seeing Knox-Taft Will Pay Annual Visits to Panama.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18 .- William H. Taft announced to-night that Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania will be Secretary of State in his Cabinet. Mr. Taft received a telegram from Senator knox this afternoon announcing his acceptance of the portfolio. The post was offered to the Pennsylvania Senator at a conference between him and Mr. Taft at Henry W. Taft's house in New York city last Sunday morning.

In announcing Senator Knox's acceptance Mr. Taft said

"I feel that I ought to be congratulated upon securing such a great lawyer Pennsylvania, that it is my clear duty to and a man of such wide experience to take Mr. Root's place "

Senator Knox is going to be consulted by Mr. Taft in regard to the selection of other members of the Cabinet. Mr. Taft believes that there ought to be the closest cooperation between the President and his chief Cabinet officer, even to the extent of selecting other members of the official family Mr. Taft will invite Senator Knox to come on to Augusta to confer with him. It is Mr Taft's intention also to take the other members of the Cabinet into his confidence as they are selected and to call upon them for advice and suggestions. Senator Knox has not informed Mr Taft of his plans for the future, but Mr. Taft sees no reason why Mr. Knox should resign from the Senate before March 4 if he desires to

serve through the present session. The Knox appointment is the first one that Mr. Taft has made public. He aid to-night that it was the only one that has been positively settled. There is no doubt, however, that there is an understanding between him and Frank H. Hitchcock in regard to the Postmaster-Generalship, although the appointment may not have been formally made.

In searching for a Secretary of State Mr. Taft has had two things constantly in mind. He wanted, first, a great lawyer or the post, and, second, a man who would fill the public eye and inspire confidence. Mr. Taft believes that in Senator Knox le has a man who fills the bill in both re-

There was another consideration which Mr. Taft weighed in selecting Mr. Knox. o believes that Pennsylvania as a great epublican State is entitled to recognion in his Cabinet. Mr. Taft expressed he opinion several times in the course of the campaign that there was too great a tendency to slight Pennsylvania because of the certainty of her political complexion. nd he feels the same way stifl.

Mr. Taft had Senator Knox's name under consideration before he left Hot Springs, but at that time he had no idea thether the Pennsylvanian would coneider an offer. When he was in Washngton last Saturday Mr Taft had a talk with Elihu Root in regard to the State rortfolio. He said to-day that he walked of Representatives. He was graduated around to Senator Knox's house after his from the law school of the University of conference with Mr. Root and found that Michigan and practised law in Pittsburg. the Senator was in New York. He wired Taft's house in New York at 9:30 o'clock

on the following morning. Mr. Taft made the offer of the Cabinet rost just before he started out for church on Sunday morning. He admitted to-day laughingly that he had had the Sena-Jr., place here and will take possession for remain in the house until he had led at once and remain until his own mansion all the newspaper men away to church.

Senator Knox asked for several days to make up Wis mind, and Mr. Taft did not know for certain that he would accept a until this afternoon. It is understood that Mr. Knox in the meantime has been consulting party leaders in his State in regard to the election of his success in the Senate

With Theodore E. Burton definitely out of the running for Secretary of the Treas- direct his men regarding the care of the ury the chances seem to favor more and more the selection of ex-Gov Myron T. Herrick or Postmaster-General George Von L. Meyer for that portfolio. Mr. Taft, it is known, wants to give one of the most important of his Cabinet posts o bis native State.

Mr. Taft said to-day that a trip to Panama was to be a regular annual event for him during his administration, provided he can get away. On each of these trips he intends, as on the one in January Deepdale by Mr. Vanderbilt and his next, to take a staff of experts who can family. give him independent opinion on the engineering problems involved. Mr. Taft hasn't decided upon this course, because he thinks there is any danger that the plans for the canal will have to be changed. He is prompted merely by a desire to take every possible precaution and to be forby the opinions of independent

experts. Mr. Taft admitted to-day, however, that if the time ever came when he was convinced that changes ought to be made n the plans of construction he would not lesitate a moment about recommending hem. In other words, Mr. Taft will not, ecause he has favored the construction of a lock canal close his eyes to any dangers that may develop. He wants first

hand information, however. Mr. and Mrs. Taft, with their sons. Robert and Charlie, arrived here at 11 clock this morning. Several thousands were at the railroad station to greet them. The Southerners gave them a hearty welcome Mayor W. M. Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas met the Taft party at the car. Outside of the station the directors of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, with L. C. Hayne at their head, were drawn up Mr. Hayne welcomed Mr. Taft to the city on behalf of the business interests and expressed the hope that all of Mr. Taft's anticipations of rest and recreation would be realized in this "gar-

den spot of the sunny South." Mr. Taft replied in a few words, thankng the crowd for its welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Taft, escorted by a com-

herself.

Mrs. Clapp, in the Mercer street station, was found to have \$300 in cash, a large solitaire diamond ring, a ruby ring surrounded with diamonds, a ring set with a black pearl surrounded by eight diamonds, a gold snake bracelet set with pearls, and a gold watch studded with pearls. She wore a coat of sable fur. the Thomas House, near the Bon Air Hotel, about three miles from the centre of the city They will remain there until Monday, when they will move into the Terret of the Bon Air.

hour or two of his arrival. He likes MENTZ One Piece there's none as good

them, although the sand bothered him M'CARREN NIGHT AT Y. M.C. A sod. Many invitations are coming in

for Mr. Taft to make trips out in the

South from Augusta He has already

promised to go to Atlanta. Yale alumni

of Savannah are after him now and to-

Progressive Union of New Orleans asking

him to stop there on his return trip from

Panama. Mr. Taft will consider the New

Orleans proposition. The New Orleans

folk say that they are vitally interested

l'aft to stop there and tell them about it.

Taft at Augusta, Senator Knox said:

of State. I have had the offer under con

consulted, in and out of the State of

"I will leave the Senate with great regret,

as I have enjoyed its duties and associa-

tions, and with even greater reluctance I

will lay down the commission of the people

of Pennsylvania who have so splendidly

supported me by their approval of my

MR. WICKERSHAM DENIES IT.

Place in the Cabinet Not Offered to Him

He's Under Consideration.

the law firm of Strong & Cadwalader

with which Henry W. Taft, brother of the

President-elect, is connected, denied a

story which came from Washington yes-

From his office at 40 Wall street Mr

"Mr. Wickersham states that he has

Wickersham ssued this formal statement

nothing to say on the subject except that

no offer of the Attorney-Generalship or

of any other office has been made to him

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18 -Mr. Taft denied

emphatically to-day he announcement

hat he had selected George W. Wicker-

sham as his Attorney-General. Mr. Taft

declared he had not made up his

however, that Mr. Wickersham is one of

several candidates that he has under

FOR KNOX'S SHOES.

Opinion in Washington Leans to Repre-

sentative Burke.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The best in-

formation in Washington to-night is that

the successor of Senator Philander Knox

in the Senate when Mr. Knox becomes

Secretary of State will be representative

James Francis Burke of Pittsburg. There

are other aspirants for the Senatorship

and there are many surmises as to the result of the race, but there is excellent

authority for the statement that Mr.

Burke is in the lead and is likely to be

Mr. Burke is 41 years old, a native of

Pennsylvania and was reelected last

month for his third term in the House

VANDERBILT HOME RENTED.

Place at Great Neck.

present keeping in North Carolina.

in this section that Mr. Vanderbilt would

sell the place, for he has been here only

occasionally and for only a day's stay, the

purpose of his visits seeming to be to

property. Recently all the poultry on

Mr. Rainey, it is said, will lay out a

teeplechase course on the Vanderbilt

Mr. Vanderbilt will be greatly missed in

this section, as he belonged to one of the

fire companies and always attended the

A DECIDED BLONDE ARRESTED.

Mrs. Marie Clapp So Described in Tele-

gram From Texas.

Genuine Deerfoot Farm Sausages never sold in bulk, but are always wrapp hment paper, with the name printed I Beware of imitations.—Ads.

place and next year races will be held

the place, was sold to bird fanciers.

there for amateurs.

Villa, at Hempstead.

stature.

GREAT NECK, L. I., Dec. 18 .- Paul J.

George W. Wickersham, a member of

Panama trip before then.

accept

public service."

the Taft Cabinet.

onsideration.

successful.

by the Presiden -e.ect.

THE BOSS, EXPLAINING POLI-TICS. LAUDS HONESTY.

for One Man Domination and Gov. Hughes on Civic Righteonsness-A String to the Senator's Precents.

Senator Patrick H. McCarren feit so in the Panama Canal and they want Mr. chummy and at home with the young members of the Bedford Branch of the John D. Rockefeller has engaged rooms at the Bon Air, beginning on January 22, Y. M. C. A. at Monroe street and Bedford Mr. Taft will probably have left on his avenue, Brooklyn, last night that he opened up his heart and for an hour and WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- When informed a half to'd them what kind of a man, in to-night of the announcement of Mr. his opinion, would make the best Mayor "It is true of course, as Mr. Taft has of New York afte: Mr. McClellan gets announced, that I have accepted his invithrough. Mr. McCarren's modesty forbade tation to enter his Cabinet as Secretary him from naming many names, but he did name some in the course of his discourse. sideration for some time and have been Among those mentioned was Gov. Hughes. persuaded by these with whom I have

President Edward B. Lyon of the Bed- bill. ford branch explained in introducing Senator McCarren that the members and their friends had already begun to study the Mayoralty campaign situation and hat even beginning with last night they were getting up a straw ballot by the Dingley bill. Speaker Reed named voting for fifteen names out of a list of only the Committee on Ways and Means, several score of availables, the process of elimination to continue in future. Senator McCarren was only one of many political leaders of every complexion who House met every three days and adjourned were to address the members before the final decision on the next Mayor was

made on New Year's Day.
"Senator McCarren will speak on the principles that should govern the selection of the man for the office of Mayor," said President Lyon.

terday that he had been selected by the "I hope the chairman will not, con-President-e'ect to be Attorney-General in sider me disrespectful," said the Senator as he rose with his suavest smile, "if I say that I would prefer not to cast my ballot for the next Mayor to-night. I would prefer a little more time to look

over the field and size up the candidates. "I can say on this topic that my political training has inspired the belief that three tests are to be applied to any man seeking public office: they are these: Is he honest Is he capable? Will he be faithful to the Constitution? No better test, in the abstract at least, could be found to safeguard the interests of the people.

mind in regard to that post. It is known, "In governing ourselves we are progressing, slowly it may be, but nevertheless progressing, toward the ideality in the minds of the better element of citizens. While there may be carping critics and dissatisfied brethren among us who see no good in what is being accomplished, yet we may be confident that we are improv-

> Senator McCarren never batted an eyelash. Several in the audience who certainly were not Y. M. C. A boys, but who winked gravely at the speaker over their cocked mustaches, started the applause The Senator continued to say that he need not reiterate what was known to be his profound conviction that the best system of government we can have is that derived from the application of party leadership. Then he read the whole of the speech that President-elect Taft delivered before the Ohio Society the other night in which emphasis was laid upon party responsibility. He commented upon it thus:

"All through that line of thought uttered by Mr. Taft was the paramount theory that the successful party should control both for the ante-election pledges and for the President it puts up. I make no Paul J. Rainey to Occupy W. K., Jr.'s. quarrel with Mr. Taft on that score and I just want to cite that speech and a few recent historical events to show that one man domination is becoming more and more the rule in party affairs."

Maybe a playful humor seized the Senat Huntington is completed. At his new ator about this time, for with lowered place Mr. Rainey will keep a large stable voice and emphatic finger he laid down of his polo ponies and hunters, besides a principle for the Y. M. C. A. boys and large pack of hounds which he is at those other boys who winked so know-For some time there has been a rumor

"I assure you." he said. "that whatever candidate the Y. M. C. A. chooses will not be elected solely on that recommendation. You cannot-nobody ever didlabel a man 'Y. M. C. A. candidate' and have him get an office. There never was Mayor elected either here or in Manhattan who was not supported by one or both of the great parties in fusion. I have no hesitancy in saying that the results of the recent election demonstrate that independent movements are not in the healthiest condition-not even in Brooklyn. [Here McCarren allowed himself the shadow of a smile.

fires in the vicinity. A number of times I am holding no brief for any boss the firemen have been entertained at have been in trouble too many times for mixing up with bad politicians, but let me read you an extract on civic It is thought that Mr. Vanderbilt will righteousness occupy his mother's place, Brockholdt

Without defining the appropriateness of such excerpt, Senator McCarren read from the speech delivered by Gov. Hughes at the Ohio dinner, where Taft was a guest. He had something to say on this.

"I only want to say in passing that all

know that Gov. Hughes, according to the lights that are given him, has tried Mrs. Marie Clapp was arrested last night at the Prince George Hotel by to carry out the duties of his office. Many ieut. Sullivan of the Headquarters staff. of the Republicans who nominated Mr. The arrest was made at the request of Hughes did so because they thought that H. G. Henne, a County Attorney of Texas, the success of Taft in this State depended upon his nomination. Somebody else who sent this telegram from New Braunfels, Tex., to the local police the other whose name it is not necessary to mention, thought so too. Maybe I might We hold felony warrant for Marie have thought the same thing and done Clapp, decided blonde, 2 rears old, small the same thing had I been in possession Only some of the Republicans-only some e. Travelling from San Antonio, Left Tuesday with large amount remember-thought that Mr. Hughes of money and jewelry and checks to trunk and hamper."

Sullivan traced the woman to the possessed all the civic righteousness in the State of New York. That was the Sullivan traced the woman to the Prince George by means of the description furnished of her baggage.

The woman is now a Headquarters prisoner. She says, according to the police, that her arrest is a piece of spite work on the part of her husband, Herbert, whom she has had occasion to leave before. She denies having committed any crime and says she left Texas with only what belonged to her.

The police also say she told them that her husband was at one time a Philadelphia lawyer and that she came from there herself.

Mrs. Clapp, in the Mercer street stasituation. Mr. Taft ran ahead of Mr. Hughes, and even the man who was selected as his running mate and who was believed to be typical of machine politics distanced the Governor by 70,000 votes. We are all liable to overestimate popular sentiment and overrate the popularity

of the candidate." Mr. McCarren then told why, in his opinion, ex-Mayor Low had failed of reelection; it was measures, not principles, that did it. Yet he did not o be understood as saying that the Amer-

ican constituency was ungrateful. "I for one do not subscribe to that sentiment over here in Brooklyn," said the speaker, with his wan smile. He went on to pat Mayor McClellan on the back, saving that although there had been much criticism of his administration he believed that the Mayor was absolutely honest and lacked neither charor experience. tor Travis followed Senator Mc-Carren with a brief speech.

DATE OF EXTRA SESSION.

The New Congress Will Meet on March 15 to Revise the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-March 15 the date on which Congress will be called in extraordinary session by President Taft to revise the tariff, according to unofficial advices received here. The Sixtieth Congress will expire by constitutional limitation on March 4. It is the expectation that immediately following inauguration President Taft will issue a proclamation convening the new Congress in special session. Republican leaders believe that the new Congress will sit until late in the summer.

While the tariff revision bill to be ported to the House may be passed in that body early in April its consideration in the Senate will be marked by more deliberation. It is believed that many weeks will be consumed in debate on the measure in the Senate. The Dingley bill was in conference nearly a month and all signs now point to a determined struggle between the two house over many provisions of the proposed

Whether the House will proceed to the consideration of other legislation after the tariff bill has been passed by it has not been determined. The House leaders may decide to follow the course adopted in the Fifty-fifth Congress, which passed which reported the tariff bill, and two or three other committees necessary in order to enable the House to properly discharge its routine business. without transacting any business, thus focussing public attention on the Senate. House leaders believe that if this policy is adopted again it will tend to shorten the life of what now promises to be one of the longest special sessions in the history of Congress.

SHOT UP HONDURAN TOWN. Soldiers Break Loose in Puerto Cortes Quelled by Sight of the Dubuque.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, Dec. 18. last night forty or fifty of the soldiers in the Quartel having filled up on aguardiente and taking advantage of the absence of the commandant mutinied and started up the main street firing their guns at everything in sight. They fired into several houses, but fortunately no one was hit. The home of the American agent of the Central Steamship Company was punctured by one of the bullets.

The town was in terror for a time, and word was immediately despatched to the United States gunboat Dubuque. which lay out in the offing. At the same time the American Consul. A. W. Brick wood, Jr., taking his life in his hands, walked into the midst of the mutineers and warned them to be careful not to injure any American or other foreigne nd to respect foreign property.

Mr. Brickwood talked so earnestly and pointed to the gunboat out in the harbor with such significance that the reckless men sobered up and most of them is to their barracks.

Meanwhile the commander of the Dubuque sent a boatload of sailors ashore. but the commanding officer, learning that the trouble was over, returned with them to the ship to the dismay of some American residents, who feared another outbreak and wanted the protection of the sailors There was no further trouble.

MRS. CARLTON WANTS DIVORCE. Her Boy Husband Was Snatched Fron Her Right After Wedding.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18 .- In the Superior Court this afternoon a petition for divorce was filed in which the plaintiff, Ethel Thompson Carlton of this city, aged 20 years, charged her husband, William Dean Carlton of New York, with deceiving her about his age. The plaintiff sava that she has not seen him since the day they were married. She says that her husband is the son of a New York banker, William F. Carlton, who has an office in Broadway and lives in West End avenue.

It is stated that the defendant was just about to enter Yale as a freshman the day they were married, September 26, 1906 that the pair were married by the Rev. Mr. Clarke of East Haven, near this city, and that an hour after the ceremony the bridegroom's father and his brother, Frank Carlton, who was in the Sheffeld Scientific School at the time, forcibly snatched the young man from his bride, placed him in an auto and carried him

The defendant was sent to Colorado and never returned to New Haven. The allegation of deception, the ground on which the plaintiff asked for the divorce, does not constitute ground for divorce in this State and the Judge told counsel in the case to amend the complaint and substitute desertion, the case being continued till September, 1909.

William F. Carlton is third vice-presi lent and director of the Maiden Lane Safe Deposit Company, first vice-president and trustee of the Maiden Lane Savings Bank and director of the Mercantile National Bank. He has an office at 170 Broadway.

Ethel Thompson Carlton is the daughter of a trained nurse in New Haven.

FIRST AUTO CROSSES BRIDGE. Foreman on Queensboro Span Bidu't Think He'd Be Taken at His Word.

An automobile containing four men ran onto the Long Island City approach of the new Queensboro Bridge yesterday afternoon and made the trip over that structure into Manhattan, thus having the distinction of being the first vehicle of any sort to cross the structure. The names of the autoists were not learned.

Foreman O'Brien, in the employ of Contractor Joseph Boyce, was on duty at the Long Island City approach when the machine drew up.

"Can we get across the bridge?" inquired the man at the whee! "Sure." replied O'Brien with a wink to

his fellow workers. "Just go ahead." O'Brien thought it was a joke, but the men in the auto were in earnest and in a flash they whisked up on the structure and began the journey across, while O'Brien and the other workmen, their faces showing their surprise, looked on.
They expected every moment to see the
car backing up to the starting point, but
it kept right on through the weblike in the Surrogates' office.

lines of the bridge.

"I wonder how they got 'over without being stopped," asid O'Brien. "The bridge isn't open for traffic yet, and I'll bet the auto got a fine jouncing, for the road is mighty rough in some pla ces."

RAMS AND SINKS A FREIGHTER

THE CATALONE DRIVES HER BOW INTO THE DAGHESTAN.

Both British Cargo Boats-Crew of the For Blamed for the Aceident.

In the mark that obscured everything seaward from the vision of the marine observer at Sandy Hook yesterday afternoon two British freight steamships, the Daghestan, bound from this port for Marseilles, and the Catalone, bound from Boston to New York, crashed into each other, the bow of the Catalone imbedding itself in the side of the Daghestan.

The skipper of the stricken ship, Capt. Haig, headed his ship for the bar, but before he got into the shallows the flood side anchored her in about twenty feet. All of her upper deck was above water. and it was not difficult for her crew of

about thirty-five men to launch the lifeboats and leave her. The Catalone had stood by and waited steam pilot boat New York, which had headed toward the scene of the collision.

Capt. Haig had the impression that he might be able to board his ship at dawn and with the assistance of his crew patch the wound and pump her out. At all events, he said, he was still in command of her, so that no speculative wreckers could come along and take possession. This was another reason why he was willing to go aboard the New York rather than come into port later in the morning on the Catalone, which anchored for the night near the bar.

It was not until six hours after the accident that the news of it drifted into Quarantine. Capt. Rogers of the Ward Line steamship Esperanza reported that he had passed the Daghestan partly submerged 500 vards south of the outer buoy of Gedney Channel. Later Pilot M. A. Carr, who brought in the Ward Line steamship Bayamo, gave some He did not particulars of the accident. which side the Daghestan had been struck.

He said it was very foggy and it was impossible to see from the observatory on the Hook anything that was going on at that distance out. That was the reason the world ashore did not know anything about the wreck until six hours after it had occurred. Neither ship is boat New York is in the same fix. The Daghestan is a comparatively

new steel freighter of 2,416 tons. She was built at Sunderland in 1901, and her owners are J. W. Squance & Co. of that place. She carried a miscellaneous parge and both ship and cargo are insured. The Catalone is owned by C. T. Bowring

& Co. of London. At 12:45 o'clock this morning the pilot boat New York, which had the crew of at Stapleton, Staten Is'and, where it was supposed she was going to land the was reported that nothing had been seen of the pilot boat there.

Water Supply Board Deeldes That Lowest Bidders Are Inexperienced.

For the second time bids for the construction of the Wallkill River section of the aqueduct from the Catskills have been thrown out by the Board of Water Supply. S. Pearson & Co. put in the lowest bid the first time, but because of protests made by the Central Federated Inion and other labor organizations that the company could not carry out the work for the \$3,000,000 it bid without employing cheap labor the board decided to readvertise.

The new bids were opened yesterday and it was found that the lowest offer were received from Booth & Flinn of Pittsburg. who agreed to do the work for \$3,365,567, and the American Pipe Manufacturing Company, whose bid was \$3.743.682. The board decided that neither of these firms was sufficiently experienced or qualified to be entrusted with the work and it was resolved to advertise for

SKY SIGN LAW INVALID. Appellate Division Rules Against the Nine Foot Ordinance.

The ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen a year or so ago forbidding the erection of a "sky sign" for advertising purposes which should be more than nine feet high above the cornice of any wall or building on which it is to be placed was pronounced unconstitutional yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The ground on which the ordinance declared unconstitutional is that it operates to take away property rights and vested interests without due process of law or proper compensation to the prop-

The court's ruling arises out of the litigation that has been going on for some months between the M. Wineburgh & Co. advertising sign concern and Edward S. Murphy, the Superintendent of Buildings, over an adverticing sign 44 feet long and 20 feet high on the Hotel Metropole

ASK FOR JEWISH CHAPLAINS In Army and Navy-Resolutions to Ge

The Federation of Jewish Organiza tions decided yesterday at a conference in its headquarters, 311 East Broadway, to ask Congress to appoint chaplains of the Jewish faith for the army and navy. A committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions to be submitted to Congress.

It was decided also to open a class for citizenship. Secretary Alexander Kaminsky, who is a lawyer, volunteered his services as a teacher, and they were

his services as a teacher, and they we coepted.
Complaint was made that puzzling questions were asked persons who apply fo citizenship papers and that subordinate in the city departments sometimes mad-offensive remarks to Jews. A specia complaint is to be made about a cier

FIND A USE FOR THE APPENDIX. Surgeons Hope to Use It as a Duct fo Intestinal Medication.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 19 .- What purports to be an important discovery in reference to the vermiform appendix is described by one of the surgeons of the West London Sunken Ship Safe-Gees Down as the Hospital, apparently showing that the Captain Drives Her Into the Shallows dangerous, mysterious organ can greatly help a surgeon in treating diseases of the lower intestine. The difficulty of applying medicines in the lower intestines is overcome by using the appendix as a

The operation begins exactly in the same manner as the familiar operation for appendicitis, but instead of removing the organ the surgeon threads it through the various layers of muscle in the ab dominal wall and attaches it to the skin. It is then opened, and by a tube passed through it any necessary medicine can be applied directly to the mucous mem brane of the lower intestines. The appendix, it is said, may safely

that poured through the gap in the ship's be left open in this position because the abdominal muscles protect it sufficiently. CAB DRIVERS VOTE TO STRIKE. Announcement of Time Strike Is to Begin to Be Made This Merning.

At 1 o'clock this morning announcemen to receive the Daghestan's ship's company was made by Chairman Edwin Gould of aboard. The Catalone desired to pro- the Liberty Dawn Association, which ceed, and her captain suggested that the takes in cab drivers, coach drivers and Daghestan's men should go aboard the chauffeurs, that the vote for a strike of United States Steel Corporation. In the 3,000 men in the organization had been unanimous.

He said that as the men had a conference with their employers at the Hotel Imperial yesterday and failed to arrive at any agreement a strike would now be declared. Announcement of the time that the strike is to begin will be made this morning at 7 o'clock at the leader, who was questioning him headquarters at East Fifty-third street.

DIPPEL DECLINES A DINNER. Doesn't Want to Appear to Be Rallying His Friends About Him.

Andreas Dippel, administrative manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, declined yesterday to attend a dinner which the Liederkranz Society had planned to give in his honor. The dinner was to have been a large affair and it was the idea of the manager's friends to give it as an expression of their feeling for Mr. Dippel in his recent troubles with find out which skipper was to blame, if the directors of the Metropolitan. In either was, and was unable to tell on refusing to attend the banquet Mr. Dippel wrote to Arthur Schonstadt of the Liederkranz:

GENTLEMEN: I regret the interruption of your plans. I feel sadly my inability to meet you in the manner planned. Be cause of the present situation I feel that it would be a graceful thing for me to accept the dinner proposed, and rather than be charged with rallying my equipped with wireless and the pilot friends to make what might be misinterpreted as a demonstration in a spirit of re-bellion I am compelled to disappoint you bellion I am constant and myself. Sincerely,
ANDREAS DIPPRI.

TO WIDEN 42D STREET From Madison to Sixth and Avoid Fifth Avenue Bepression.

The Board of Estimate voted yesterday to widen the Forty-second street roadway between Madison and Sixth avenues by sixthe Daghestan on board, had not arrived teen feet. Eight feet will be taken from the sidewalks of each side of the street and added to the width of the roadway. rescued seamen. From Quarantine it improvement will give a width to the roadway from curb to curb of 68 feet and will do away for some time to come considerastreet under Fifth avenue.

The board appropriated \$500,000 for he construction of a new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Henschel collection will be housed in the new wing when it is completed.

MALTA PREPARING A WELCOME Dinners, Dances and a Review When the U. S. Fleet Arrives Next Month.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 18.-Prepara tions are already afoot here to welcome the American battleship fleet on January 15.

The authorities desire that the heartiest reception be given to it. The Duke of Connaught, commander in chief of the station, discussed the arrangements before his recent departure for Egypt.

Dinners and dances are projected and there will probably be a review of the garrison

LINERS HELD BACK BY STORM. Some of the Best of the Boats Will Be From Two to Four Bays late.

Weather unequalled in violence on the north Atlantic in many years is making the stanchest and swiftest liners from two to five days later than usual. La Provence, crack of Frenchmen, usually a storm defier and nearly always a Friday boat, probably will not be in until Sunday afternoon. The lofty sided and broad White Star liner Baltic, generally here on Fridays, will be a Sunday ship this time/ and the Hamburg-American lines Amerika, with a record list of passenger for the season, probably will not put her nose into the Hook until Monday morning. when the American liner St. Paul, due on Saturday, may also be heard from.

The storm that swept seaward yest day will help to hold back the fleet and still further obfuscate the predictions of sanguine agents of the ships. Hereabout last night the wind had got around to the west and at one time was blowing fifty miles. Outside the Hook its spe was much more than that.

RAN FROM 110TH ST. TO BATTERY Charles Smith Then Started to Run Back. but Fell Exhausted. Charles Smith, a lawyer, 24 years old;

undertook last night to run from 116th street to the Battery. He ran all the way down and felt so good when he got there that he started to run back. He fell exhausted when he reached Worth street. An automobile owned by James Foster of 154 West Fiftieth street, which was trailing him, took Smith to the Hudson street hospital, where it was found that he didn't need treatment, and the auto-mobile took him home.

Died in the Ring. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.-In the second

round of a boxing bout at the Broadway Athletic Club in this city to-day James Curren, 18 years old, of 1748 South land street, suddenly paled and sank BEWEY'S WINES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS
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got to a hospital.

MR. CARNEGIE MUST TEST

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REFUSES TO EXCUSE HIM.

His Testimony May Close the Tarin ings-E. H. Gary of the Steel To an Interesting Witness-He Fr

Government Control of Corpo

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Andrew negie must appear before the Ways Means Committee and testify as to tariff on steel products. The "Lain Skibo" appealed to the committee cuse him, saying he had been out of steel business for several years and not familiar with its present but the members of the comm unwilling to let him off, and it is the u standing that Mr. Carnegie will be a ness on Monday. His test mony ably will close the hearings, 'or the mittee to-day refused to ista. subpænas on the ground that A h determined to take up the work of for ing the new tariff bill early next

The committee received much information on the manufacture of and steel to-day from E. H. Gary, man of the board of directors o course of his testimony Mr. Gary clared for strict Federal corperations.

"I am in favor of Government not Government management," he s His admission pleased Repre Champ Clark of Missouri, the De time. In the early part of his testim

Gary appeared to be a reluctant He was accompanied by two of company's experts, who prompted him. It was when he laid an figures relating to the mapufacture pig iron and dealt with general r that his remarks became interesting. Representative Randell of Texas Democrat, inquired whether if the ties were removed the United St Steel Corporation would not still be al

to control the steel market absolutely. "Any one who undertakes to d the market in any product," replied Gary, "will soon find himself in the the market in any product," "But many of us think that he

reach the poorhouse through a circuite route lined with diamonds," persisted 1 Randell. "The United States Steel Corp

does not desire to control the replied Mr. Gary. "If the du were removed I think our of would be able to take care of some way, but I think our co would be driven out of business conditions would then become able. The people wouldn't st one corporation controlling the n and we do not want to control it."

Asked if it were not a fact that the who controlled the United States Corporation did not also control portation he redlied that it was not Mr. Randell said that the f before the committee up to the p time had shown that the ches ing and the most unwholesome food ucts imported from abroad were workingmen in industrial centres. witness declared that he did not oc the premise. He said he could pr a photograph of one of his co industrial plants showing aut waiting in front for the close of bu to convey employees to their homes.

The charge that employees wor on short schedules he denied cally, declaring that under ordinary ditions the supply of labor was not to the demand. During 1907 the had operated to decrease the demand labor, but he had steadily resisted demand for a reduction of wages.

Chairman Payne inquired whether United States Steel Corporation w object to having the committee get from tion obtained by its agents from the of the corporation.

Mr. Gary hesitated a moment and the said there would be no objection committee using it privately. Mr. Payne reminded him the of the committee could not go that the figures thus obtained remain confidential.

After some hesitancy Mr. Gary rep that the information from the sioner of Corporations might all be public if the committee wished it. moreover the books of the United Steel Corporation were open to the quisitors if they desired them. Mr. G explained that business men hesita about giving such information to foreign trade, but if it were insisted u he would concede that much.

Mr Gary fixed the cost of pro a ton of pig iron at \$15.08. Mr. reminded him that the bureau of rations had reported the average at \$14 01 a ton. Mr. Gary said that cost depended somewhat on the local One furnace in Germany turned pig iron at a fraction over \$7 a fen. the raw material was at its doors, cost of transportation being entire eliminated. The price of steel rails domestic consumers, he said, was

approximately \$28 a ton. The price was agreed on first in 1888, he said. "It was the result of confe Everybody seemed to agree that it a fair price. The railroads partic in the conference and accepted it as a fai price. It has been maintaines since. There was a strong temptation in the last year to raise the price and conditions seemed to justify it, but the steel company refused to accede to the

Mr. Clark inquired whether the jade pendent rail makers would dare to raise or lower the price without the on "If you raised the price to \$30 a ton independent concerns would have follow, would they not, or quit busin "I am not certain," replied Mr. Ga "but I think they would mark up th

"If they didn't you could drive them out of business? You dominate the market inquired Mr. Clark.

Mr. Gary did not like the word

nate," although as admitted it was or